Niles Monday.

Dear Millie

Yours rec. I rejoice over every examination you pass as being something more off your hands, but I think you ought to be at your essay. You must try and put other things out of your mind. If I was only there I could brush your hair while you read or studied, but — I am not there. I have thought out my plan for being away two or three days at Commencement, and can make it go. Mrs Stiles sister is not her equal and is not like her, but she is pleasant enough and we

such wreaths of roses I never saw. I have been watching the oleanders and I am afraid they are not going to be out in time for you, everything is so backward this year.

Will you want any flowers at the Commencement? I mean flowers for decorating? I suppose you saw the notice you got in the Bulletin — I suppose it was Williams. He has been very kind to you, has he not?

Joe says tell you be sure and not forget to tell all the particulars in your letter, and also to tell him how those plants do.

I think that is quite surprising about Mary Treat. How will Clara like it.

Take care of yourself, eat enough, sleep enough and keep warm enough and I guess you will get through.
yours
Mother.

get on well. Joe thinks Miss Louisa the youngest person of her years he ever saw. She is an eastern girl and quite subdued even for that. Mrs. Stiles went down to the city Saturday to be with the children a few days while Mrs. Blake goes to visit Dr. Stone's married daughter Mrs. Baker at Menlo Park. One of the children Eliza had been sick. I had a letter from Lue. She is still at Navarro and did not say when she should be back. I have my new rag carpet home. I think it is better looking than the other. I have been talking to Papa about the Marston place. He says it is good land, roomy but old house, sufficient barn he does not know much about the orchard. It is a pleasant looking place but he says $8,000 is too much. He says tell Mr. Bolton to come up and he will take him to see that and some other places that are for sale and do all he can help him to find what he wants. You can tell him about the trains. We should be very happy to get them into the neighborhood. Joe is hugely delighted at the idea.

I wish you could see the Banksia roses now

Tell Miss Bolton to have her Father send line to J. Shinn Niles telling him what train he will come on, he will meet him.